

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-26 are cancelled. Claims 27-51 are pending in the present application and correspond to cancelled claims 1-26 from the paper entitled "Amended Claims." The presentation of claims 27-51 should address all issues raised in paragraph 5 of the Office Action.

Interview Summary Record

The Examiner's comments in paragraph 6 of the Office Action accurately summarize the interview with the undersigned on August 2, 2010.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has required restriction between Groups I --- III as set forth on page 4 of the Office Action.

Group I: Claims 1-5, 7-8 and 18-20 [corresponding to claims 27-33 and 43-45], drawn to a method to measure an environmental biological allergen by measuring protease activity of said allergen;

Group II: Claims 9-12 and 21-23 [corresponding to claims 34-37 and 46-48], drawn to an instrument to measure an environmental biological allergen by measuring protease activity of said allergen on a porous support; and

Group III: Claims 13-17 and 24-26 [corresponding to claims 38-42 and 49-51], drawn to an apparatus to measure environmental biological allergen, wherein said apparatus comprises a vessel to contain the protease substrate and an optical measuring device to measure fluorescence or the change in absorbance in the vessel.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-5, 7-8 and 18-20 [corresponding to claims 27-33 and 43-45], drawn to a method to measure an environmental biological allergen by measuring protease activity of said allergen.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Registration No. 32181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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